<u>Remarks</u>

Claims 1-15 are pending and subjection to an election of species requirement. The Examiner requires an election of species for the benzofuran-2-one compounds. Applicant elect the compound of example 17 of the formula:

The present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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